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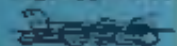


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Sir P. Nichols  
(The Hague) to  
Mr. C. H. Nichols

Top Secret  
Dated 30 Dec 1948  
Rec'd 5 Jan 1949

Evidence before Committee of  
Enquiry concerning conduct of  
clandestine operations in the  
Netherlands during the war.

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Mr. Street - For observations please.

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I attach a suggested draft  
reply which is, I hope, self-explanatory.

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D by Sir P. Nichols  
(The Hague)  
from Mr. Stuchburgh

I have no comments on Mr. Street's  
draft.

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Mr. Street  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
THE HAGUE.

30th December 1944.

TOP SECRET.

My dear Anne,

With reference to my Top Secret letter of 13th December about the statement for the Enquete Commission regarding the period 1940-1945, my Military Attaché has now been informed by General Kruls that he has handed a copy of the statement to the Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry, that the Chairman was very grateful for the statement, and that its effect had been "very good".

At the same time, General Kruls said the Chairman had asked if we might have a copy of Lord Salisbury's Report. I hardly suppose that we can comply with this request, but I should be grateful if you would confirm that this is so: and perhaps give me material for a civil answer which Kruls could pass on to the Chairman.

Yours ever

Arthur Smith

P.H. Crosthwaite, Esq.,  
Western Department,  
Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely  
Capt John Russell  
for C.A.E. Stuckburgh

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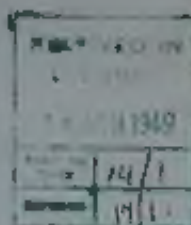
Sir Philip Nichols,  
The Hague.

FROM:

Mr. Charles Hughes

Enclosure:

My Street.



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My dear Ambassador, DC, 15 Jan.

I have now to run over the  
Department from one point of view  
writing to discuss your letter of 30th  
September about the statement for the Japanese  
Commission regarding the 1940-1945.

I have consulted Hayter's friends about  
General Krule's request for a copy of "Lord  
Selborne's report". They presume that General  
Krule means the enquiry mentioned in the state-  
ment which has already been sent to him.  
Perhaps you could confirm that this is the case.  
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copy (in English) of the report, provided that  
it <sup>is</sup> handed to the Chairman of the Commission  
of Enquiry for his personal perusal and return,  
but they wish to emphasize that the report was  
written before the liberation of Holland and  
before the relevant German Archives had become  
available. <sup>They are not sure</sup> therefore wonder  
<sup>will</sup> whether it would be of much assistance.

At the same time, they know little of  
the procedure which is being adopted by the  
Committee of Enquiry, nor are they familiar with  
the individuals comprising it, and they would  
be grateful for your opinion whether the com-  
position of the Committee is such that they  
could pass the report to the Chairman without  
any fear that it would be misused.

Yours sincerely  
sgd) John Russell  
J. A. E. Shuckburgh  
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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

15th January, 1949.

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Top Secret

my dear Ambassador,

I have now taken over this Department from Crosthwaite and am accordingly writing to answer your letter to him of 30th December about the statement for the Enquete Commission Kageringsabelaid 1940-1945.

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Yours sincerely,

(sgd) John Russell,

for  
(G.A.E. Shuckburgh)

Sir Philip Nichols, K.C.M.G., K.C.,  
The Hague.



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BRITISH EMBASSY,

THE HAGUE.

6th January, 1949.

TOP SECRET

Dear Department,

259/1051/27  
Your Top Secret letter (S 10445/10408/G) of 31st December about clandestine operations in Holland during the war has crossed the Ambassador's letter to Crowthwaite of 30th December. We are glad that Hayter's friends are prepared to consider publicity. At the moment however the Dutch press is entirely preoccupied with the Indonesian question, and we should want to learn more about the probable findings of the Commission, and its future procedure before deciding on our plan of action. Meanwhile we are making the necessary enquiries and the two officers mentioned in your letter are putting their heads together.

Yours ever,

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Western Department,  
Foreign Office.

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Sir P. Nichols  
(The Hague) to  
Mr. Smethburgh  
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for a copy of the report  
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Supply of copy of Lord  
Selborne's report to President  
of Committee of Enquiry: question of  
issue of public statement about "Englandspiel"

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Mr. Dawson, the President of the  
Committee of Enquiry has now given the  
assurance regarding Lord Selborne's ex-  
istence has represented to Mr. Russell's letter  
to Sir Philip Nichols. (See 57)

Would Mr. Halford please obtain a  
copy of the report for transmission to  
The Hague?

As regards the issue of a public state-  
ment on the allegations in "The Englandspiel"  
we must, I think, await the recommenda-  
tion of the Information Secretary and

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Mr. Halford  
The Report has already been sent F-24/5

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3 copies of Lord Selborne's report have  
now been received from Mr. Hume  
See draft to Sir P. Nichols

Review  
23/March

2 copies of Lord Selborne's Report  
were sent to the Hague by Dutch  
diplomatic bag on 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Review  
26/March

See also pp. on 2/2/54 to about Sir P.  
Nichols suggestion that a statement  
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

150/3/49.

THE HAGUE.

34th February, 1949.

*My dear Enqy.*

On the 15th January you wrote to me (your No. Z.69/1081/29G) about the statement for the Enquete Commission regarding Beland 1940-1945.

On this matter we have been in touch with Colonel Beck, who is well known to and whose official job is Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs. Through him we have been sounding the President of the Committee of Enquiry, Mr. Banker, and put to him the conditions Heyter's friends feel they must impose in regard to supplying a copy of Lord Selborne's report. As a result Banker, after consulting his colleague on the Committee, is prepared to give an undertaking in writing, if necessary, that he alone will see the report. If, therefore, you now send me a copy of the Selborne Report I will see that it is given to Mr. Banker, together with the comments contained in the final sentences of para. 6 of your letter under reply.

Meanwhile as regards issuing a statement here about the "Englandspiel" - which I still personally have much at heart - there have been certain developments. In the first place Major Bingham, who you will find mentioned in the statement we handed to the Committee, is reported in the Press to have come here himself and to have given oral evidence before the Committee. My staff have been trying to ascertain whether this report is well-founded, and if it is why on earth Bingham did not report to us before giving evidence; or why we were not warned from your end, if, indeed, your people knew anything of this visit. Unfortunately I shall not be able to obtain this information before the bag shuts this evening.

Secondly, a book has been published here by a young Dutch lawyer named van der Staap on the "Englandspiel", which we are told reproduces, in a rather extreme form, the familiar allegations against British officers. We are having this book translated at once, and it looks as though we shall have to take it into consideration in any statement we may eventually put out.

A little delay is unlikely to be harmful as Dutch public opinion at the moment is entirely concentrated on Indonesia; but the "Englandspiel" has not been forgotten and sooner or later a public statement on our part should be useful.

C. A. B. Shackburch, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W. 1.

*Yours ever*

*Hubert Anthony*

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Mr. L. H. H. H.

In reply to your  
letter 150/3/49 of 24<sup>th</sup> February  
about the 3rd copy of the Van  
Koda's statement for the  
Enquete Commission Regerings-  
bureau 900 1945. I enclose her  
two copies of her Lelborne's report,  
one of which is for Mr. Damer

The answers to the other questions  
in your letter are being dealt with  
separately. In answer to your letter  
asking further papers about them  
before every week longer I hope.

This letter and the enclosed papers  
are being sent by courtesy of the  
Netherlands Embassy in their double  
envelope bag, as we have not have  
another confidential bag until  
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My dear Rmfr 44

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"I am not overjoyed because as we try to  
to solve my problem for me - I am sure of the  
of it. I am a "man" in the fact that what I feel about it,

Yours ever  
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Sir P. Nichols rang up to say that  
he hoped we will be able to get out  
our statement soon, as the moment for  
publication might shortly arrive. He will  
write discretion as to when he should publish  
(after getting Dutch consent)

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Courant rejected the theories put out by Winchester  
stars, but made no mention of the novel written by Paul de Gaulle.

BRITISH EMBASSY  
THE HAGUE

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10th March, 1941

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My dear Sir,

Your top secret letter Z 1735/1851/296 of the 4th March reached me I was on the point of writing to you to let you know that there have been several developments here about the Englandspiel. In the first place the Manchester Guardian article which you enclosed stirred up considerable interest in the Dutch press which had already had its interest in the subject revived by the publication of a book called "The Englandspiel" written by Mr. J. van der Sterp, the former defence counsel of the traitor van der Weide, who has recently been tried and condemned to death. There is now considerable public interest in the matter which has moved the liberal newspaper "Algemeen Handelsblad" to say that the Manchester Guardian's opinion is personal and that they would now like to hear the explanation from an official British source.

.... A summary is attached showing the three main occasions on which we have been accused. I also attach a copy of a précis of the operative part of the report prepared by the Press and Information Service of the Embassy. This précis contains the three criticisms generally levelled against the United Kingdom in connection with the Englandspiel.

Shackburgh, 46  
Western Department,  
Foreign Office.

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Courant rejected the theories put out by Manchester Guardian and van der Sterp, but made no mention of the novel written by Noel de Gaulle,

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(c) The high members of the organization in London are not allowed to see all the relevant telegrams.

I should perhaps add that I personally have not yet had time to read the précis of Stage's book, as it only reached me today and I have spent all day on Indochina.

John A. ...

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9th March, 1949.

12. March 1949

### Accusations Against the British

Britain has been accused on three separate occasions, in connection with the war-time Englandspiel.

#### (a) Van der Storp's Theory

The Council for the defence of a notorious Dutch collaborator van der Storp, J.A. van der Storp, has accused Britain of devising the Englandspiel, together with Schneider, for the purpose of wiping out resistance workers. Britain, van der Storp argued, was afraid that the solidarity and the renewed national feelings in Western Europe would threaten post-war British influence on the Continent. By supplying arms to the resistance movement during the latter stages of the war, when large numbers of criminals and demoralised elements had infiltrated into the resistance movement in Holland, Britain found a means of breaking down the reputation of the movement as a whole. In this manner, van der Storp argued, Britain succeeded in breaking the feelings of solidarity.

#### (b) Noel de Gaulle's Accusation

Major K. de Graaf, Acting Head of the Bureau for Special Assignments in London during the war, has written a brochure under the pen name of Noel de Gaulle on the same subject. The brochure appeared in the shape of a novel, and centres around a plot in which Major Bingham of the British Intelligence Service collaborated with a cousin working for Schneider in The Hague. De Graaf has said since that both Bingham have disappeared, and cannot be found. He has described van der Storp's theory as wilful nonsense.

#### (c) The Algemeene Courant Theory

An entirely new theory was explained in a recent edition of the Algemeene Courant, which broke down the story contained in the Manchester Guardian. The fault for the death of hundreds of Dutch underground workers, this paper announced, lay with certain British authorities, who disregarded messages sent to London by the resistance movement, via Switzerland. If due notice had been taken of those messages, many lives could have been saved. Algemeene Courant rejected the theories put out by Manchester Guardian and van der Storp, but made no mention of the novel written by Noel de Gaulle.





by  
J.E. van der Star

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The "Englandspiel"  
by  
J. E. and Stapp

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Now he finally deceives his readers, and plainly tries to lay a smoke-screen around the so-called Englandspiel. The time has come to publish the truth about this Englandspiel and the story of Anthony van der Gule.

The notorious Vlasman, Swarts, the Belgian opposite of van der Velden, was twice sentenced to death by default; it now appears that during all that time he was in Holland. There does not appear to be a single legal report in Belgium who remembered that there existed a treaty of extradition between Belgium and Holland, and.....a few months ago Swarts left for safer regions on a Greek ship, equipped with British papers.

Equally notorious was Van-den Harn and far more guilty than Lubbe was his victim. Without such further aid, he was released by Public Prosecutor Mayer, - the same man who so mercilessly prosecuted since Dutch National Socialists.

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